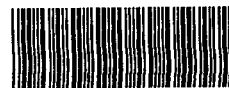


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Dear Mr. Ruckelshaus:

It would be very much appreciated if you could have your office review appropriate files to determine if the United States Government has any recorded instances where it disposed of toxic wastes in or around the Territory of Guam. I am particularly interested in the time period immediately following the recapture of Guam by U.S. forces in 1944 to the period ending in 1970.

The genesis of my concern is the wide number of stories I have heard over the years of incidents where considerable amounts of U.S. equipment -- mostly military in nature -- were disposed of on Guam by either being dumped into the surrounding sea or through open pit burial. While I appreciate that records may be difficult to trace on such matters, there is some concern that toxic materials from such waste sites could leak into our ground water supplies or otherwise become a hazard to the local population.

As you well know, prior disposal techniques used since the 1940's are now being shown to be less than appropriate. I know of several instances in the Marianas Islands, including Guam, where quantities of unwanted items were dumped by the U.S. military rather than being shipped back to the mainland. During my years on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, I have become increasingly concerned about the impact of toxic wastes in former dumping sites. Your assistance in locating and identifying older sites used by the military since World War II would be greatly appreciated.

I await your comments and finding with considerable interest. Please feel free to call my office at any time if you have questions about this request.

Sincerely yours,

ANTONIO B. WON PAT
Member of Congress

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Subject: Insular Territories Congressional Correspondence

Summary:

Peter called to be sure that our office's coordinate in responding to a letter from Guam's Congressman Wan Pat requesting information on military hazardous waste activities on the islands. Their response will basically say that, under the IR Program, a Phase I assessment is scheduled to be conducted on Guam in 1984. It will further state that DOD is not aware of any situations which require immediate attention. A copy of his letter will be coming to me. I will forward it to Norm Lovelace as I understand he is responding to the Congressional.